



# RSVP



## GENERAL BACKGROUND

*Established in 1971 and now one of the largest volunteer senior volunteer organizations in the nation, RSVP engages nearly 450,000 people age 55 and older in a diverse range of volunteer activities. Volunteers organize neighborhood watch programs, tutor children, renovate homes, teach English to immigrants, assist victims of natural disasters, and serve their communities in many other ways. RSVP volunteers choose how, where, and how often they want to serve, with commitments ranging from a few hours to 40 hours per week.*

## RSVP PROGRAM STATISTICS FOR 2005:

• Number of RSVP Volunteers	448,133
• Hours Served by RSVP Volunteers	66 million
• Number of Projects	755
• Organizations Using RSVP Volunteers	62,600
• Children and Youth Served	66,000
• Children of Prisoners Mentored	2,870
• Community Volunteers Mobilized	17,000
• Frail Elderly Served	35,100
• Fiscal Year 2005 Budget	\$58.52 million
• Fiscal Year 2006 Budget	\$59.68 million

## OTHER FACTS

- 96 percent of RSVP programs/projects met performance goals in 2005.
- 98 percent of RSVP volunteers report that their service has improved their knowledge, health, or social connectedness

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## ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS

RSVP is open to all people age 55 and over. Volunteers do not receive a stipend, but sponsoring organizations may reimburse them for some costs incurred during service, including meals and transportation.

## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

RSVP is part of Senior Corps, a network of national and community service programs that each year supports the engagement of nearly 500,000 Americans age 55 and older in service to meet critical needs in education, the environment, public safety, homeland security, and other areas. Senior Corps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, which also administers AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America. The mission of the Corporation is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. Together with USA Freedom Corps, the Corporation is working to foster a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility in America. For more information, visit [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov).

## MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about RSVP, visit [www.seniorcorps.gov](http://www.seniorcorps.gov) or call 800-424-8867 or TTY 800-833-3722.

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